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TOPIC Czech Army Troops and PS Unit in Cheb

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REMARKS

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1. On 5 March 1953, the former convent on the west side of Americka Tr. in Cheb (N 51/P 37), about 300 meters north of the railroad line, quartered a PS unit, whose guards wore green epaulets. During a short period of observation, the main entrance for vehicles, which was on the north side of the billets, was passed by five motorcyclists, who carried submachine guns and/or pistols and rode Jawa-250 motorcycles.

An unoccupied tower with a platform of thick round timber was opposite the entrance.

2. On 13 February 1953, on the northern perimeter of the town, near the road to Frantiskovy Lazne (N 51/P 27) about 50 Czech soldiers with skis, who wore ski suits, dark-green trousers and dark-brown cloaks. The leader of the detachment made a speech to the skiers who were beginners, and emphasized the importance of skiing for the units stationed in the border area.¹
- On 19 February 1953, a platoon-size detachment equipped with 2 or 3 light machine guns and one heavy machine gun on sledges, marched from the direction of Stalingradzka toward Frantiskovy-Lazne. The soldiers wore normal uniforms, shoes with low wrap puttees and steel helmets of Soviet pattern.²

3. On 26 February 1953, the hospital on the north side of ul. Vladivostocka, formerly Sturzova, quartered Czech soldiers who wore no insignia. The installation was bounded to the east by ul. u Pos. Nemocnice (Street at Post Hospital) extended to the north into a park toward the Eger River, and to the west adjoined two villas occupied by army officials.³

1. Comment. The 5th PS Brig headquarters is stationed at the former convent. The skiers probably belonged to a unit of this brigade.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. This unit probably belonged to the 9th Inf Regt, elements of which are located in the "mostecke brany" barracks on the road to Franzensbad.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] One building was unoccupied and uninhabitable, it is believed that the hospital includes several buildings.

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